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This month, I'm afraid that you're all going to have to start paying! Please fill in the enclosed form and send it back to us. Many thanks for all the kind comments that have been pouring in, and especially to Roger Davis, for making a promo for us without even asking! This month there was too much news sent in, so I'm afraid I've had to edit it a bit! Keep it coming.....!

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**DOUBLE MAGAZINE CLOSURE - SOUNDWAVES AND RADIOVISIE**

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Soundwaves were, in my opinion, one of the best Free Radio magazines on the market, and although I'd not been a subscriber for very long, I was sad to hear of the closure. Soundwaves tried to bring a new style of magazine, printing mostly features and newspaper cuttings, and combined with the high quality of printing, this made a very professional magazine. However, this high standard was the main reason for the closure. The following info is taken from a supplement issued with Issue 14. They were always quoted what they thought to be a good rate. Even when the printers changed hands, they saw no reason to stop using them. However, after Issue 13 was printed, the printers informed them that they were selling the business and that the new printers would be contacting them with the new quote. They got in contact, and carried on printing at the old price. All the work for Issue 14 was sent in, but returned later, with a note saying that it was impossible to keep the old price. The new rate offered was 120% MORE than the old one! When they were contacted again, they said they hadn't realised how much it would have cost. They did, however, knock off some money when Soundwaves explained the position they were in. To keep the cost down, and to save time, all the articles were kept in, only the front cover was changed. They were planning to close after Issue 16 anyway, so this way means that they will not lose so much money. Box 110 will still be kept open for FR stations, but only a few more can use it.

Radiovisie - I know nothing about this, but Mike Burden says in his last letter that "an excellent Dutch language magazine called Radiovisie is to close this month."

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NOTE: Regular loggings are not included unless they contain news.

Weekend Music Radio are having some transmitter problems at present. Jack Russell tells me that their output valve (an 807) is playing up. At the moment, they are using a temporary one, but hope to get a new one soon. He also mentions that they should be getting two new transmitters any time now, one for 30w and one for 100w. Kent Place - as the FRS-Holland are now using Postbus 41, Dedemsvaart, no more mail should be sent to Kent Place. Hotel Amigo are considering moving from 7315, as this frequency suffers from interference. West European Free Radio, whose tragic close down we released details of in last month's issue, have sent us some news. Their DX prog is in an advanced state of preparation, but due to a mistake at the Dutch PTT, they haven't opened up the news office in Holland. STOP PRESS This morning, I have just received a letter from the person who will be writing the DX prog! Please send all tapes of local stations, or any other news to Einar Kruis, Schubertstraat 12, 4661 BC, Halsteren, Holland - how about that for a big coincidence! P.S. All news in before July 22. The new 48m transmitter is presently being put through it's paces. As Mike Johns designed it, he was a bit apprehensive when he first switched it on, but it worked first time! It is slightly more powerful than the 41m rig, having a power of 20-25W. Modulation is quite good, but he's trying to boost the treble "to prevent splatter, a must on 48m these days." The studio is still in a mess, but the two DJ's will work on it soon. Thanks for your article on local pirates, Mike, sorry, but I had to edit rather a lot of it. However, I kept the most important bits in! German Music Radio were heard after a long absence on June 7. The signal was terrible! I'm not sure what the frequency was, but it was around 6260. They use Postbus 41, Dedemsvaart - a popular address these days! Radio Gerona, the station run by Hendrick Gerona, was heard twice on 6290 last month. The station plays mainly heavy rock and punk, and can be contacted at Postbus 77, 8100 AB, Raalte, Holland.



South Dublin Radio has a new mailing address. In future, you can write to SDR, North Street, Swords, Co. Dublin, Ireland. Capital Radio - nothing to do with the Belgian station - these are Irish! They have broadcast recently on 6275 in preparation for their international service. Address is the same as for SDR. Britain Radio were planning to broadcast on 6200, but 6225 was used with good results on the birthday broadcast on the 14th, so they used it again on the 28th. They have been having a lot of frequency problems recently, and had hoped to settle down on one frequency. However, 6225 causes interference to, and receives interference from ABC Radio on 6230. They made a return broadcast on 6235 on the 14th via Suirside Radio, and then moved to 6230 because of interference problems. They hope to broadcast about every two weeks. Suirside will fill in the remaining time. They normally broadcast to Waterford, Ireland, on 257 and 98FM. You can write to them at 2 The Mall, Waterford, Ireland, whilst the address for ABC is Middle Flat, 10 Lombard Street, Waterford. The FRS-Holland's aerials were stolen recently, so they were using a spare one and another new one. However these are not giving such good results. (On the 21st, FRS-H had a SINPO here of 45544, so they must have fixed them up properly by now!) ARTO-Netherlands are now able to transmit with a power of 500W! They don't want to use this every time though. They have plans for testing on lower frequencies, and also for broadcasting on more than one frequency. Empire Radio continue every 2nd Sunday on 6200 and 7325. This very professional station's schedule includes international programming, and all progs are worth a listen! The Free Radio Broadcasting Company returned on 6250 on June 21. A taped programme was repeated throughout the day, and there was a phone number to ring - 0782 617714 - as well as the Dedemsvaart address. Atlanta Radio broadcasts every 3rd Sunday on 6240, although this frequency is subject to bad interference from SDR, and now from Suirside. It's a pity really, as the programming quality is great. The "Soundabout" programme is worth a listen as well, as it's packed with up-to-date interference. If you want to write to Atlanta, then they can be contacted at Box 110, Orpington, which is also used by Empire, Britain Radio, Radio Buccaneer, Cobra Radio, Radio Comsat, East Coast, South Downs Radio (not to be confused with South Dublin Radio), Radio Free Birmingham, and WEFR. Other stations use it as well, but this is the current active list. Music Radio International - this station was heard by us on June 28, on 6200. Records were played, and every two, this announcement was given - "You are listening to Music Radio International on 6200kHz." No address is known. The station signed off without any announcement at 08.50 GMT. It is presumed that this station is Dutch because of the accented DJ/announcer. We have just received a reply from Capital Radio, who say that their power is 180W. Britain Radio announced that Radio Julie would return on July 5 with an unknown frequency in the 48 mb. Thanks to Jan West for this: "A new organisation has been set up to protect Local Free Radio, named VEBORA (Vereniging v. Belgische Onafhandelijke Radio's - Belgian Independent Radio Union). Write to Postbus 1, 1000 Brussels Belg

#### Free Radio In The West Midlands Area - An article by Mike Johns

Radio Free Birmingham are now on 97.5 with a 20W rig supposedly built by some BBC engineer in London! It suffers from 150kHz deviation. It is fed into a  $\frac{1}{2}$  wave dipole, and broadcasts from 6pm to 10/11pm depending on DJs! Used to be called "242" Electronic Sound Transmission will start regular progs on July 4 with a possible repeat on the 5th! Listen in on 94.3 at 3pm. Power - 50W with "Slim Jim" aerial, which gives best audio quality of all stations round here! Station is run by Dave Cooper of Empire. Box 943, 190 Monument Road, Edbaston, Birmingham 16. Sounds Alternative on 1179 are a specialist station with extensive rock and reggae programmes. Power is around 50W, and is fed into a  $\frac{1}{4}$  wave longwire.

OTHER NEWS: Watch out for WCFL, a new station run by Capt. Prinos (sorry if it's wrong, I can't read it! He's also threatened to run WEFR 2 on 7375 - he stumbled across the theme the other day! RFB eventually hope to get on MW, SW and VHF. The SW freq will probably be 7315, and I'm helping with this. He's also got a crystal for 7375, I'd better jump up and down on it! UK Radio is a big joke around here. The station broadcasts with  $\frac{1}{2}$ W maximum, and the antenna is a telescopic from an FM Radio! Audio quality was terrible, but I sent loads of circuits, and now it's just tinny!

Many thanks Mike, for an interesting article, sorry I had to cut it down!



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